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Sir:

It is desired to cite for the record in this application the
 enclosed references listed on the attached copy of PTO Form #1449. The
 paragraph(s) marked below are applicable to this Information Disclosure
 Statement.

☒ (1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1) and (2), the attached
 Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three
 months of the filing date of the above identified national
 application or within three months of the date of entry of the
 national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 of the above
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 no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.

☐ (2) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), applicant(s) believes the
 attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before
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Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.

- [] (3) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), applicant(s) believes the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.
- [] (4) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by:
 - [] a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e); or
 - [] the fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(d)

- [] (5) Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(d), applicant(s) hereby petitions the Commissioner to consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement which is being filed on, or before payment of the issue fee. This petition is accompanied by a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)

- [] (6) The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2)

- [] (7) The undersigned hereby states that no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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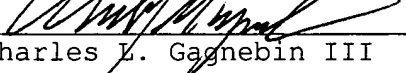
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These references were cited in the International Search Report (copy enclosed) which issued in PCT/NL2004/000046 filed January 20, 2004.

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